IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joseph Zarb, et al.

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Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Lauren E. Robinson

Durable High Performance Fiber Cement Product and Method of Manufacture

For:

VIA EFS Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Statement of Substance of Interview under 37 C.F.R § 1.133

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Statement of Substance of Interview in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.133 to be made of record for the above-identified application for patent. Applicants respectfully request entry of the statement as set forth herein.

Applicants' representative first wish to thank the Examiner for requesting an interview by telephone on September 4, 2007, and for allowing an election of an invention by telephone.

In the interview held on September 4, 2007, the Examiner stated that the application was subject to a restriction to two inventive groups and Applicants were requested to elect one group for further prosecution. No election was made on September 4, 2007, but was to be provided by Applicants' representative in a follow-up phone call held within the week. The restriction groups were identified as Group I and Group II as shown herein.

Group I - Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-11, 13, 19-20, 23, 29, 31, 35 and 37 directed to an engineered fibre reinforced cement product; and

Group II - Claims 38, 40, 43-44, 47-48, 50-54, 56-58 and 69-75 directed to a method of manufacturing a fibre reinforced cement product.

On September 6, 2007, a second interview was held with the Examiner at which time Applicants elected Group I claims without traverse. The Examiner was informed of additional documents that were to be filed shortly in a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner indicated that she would consider such references when preparing a first Office Action on the merits.

This is intended to be a written statement as to the substance of telephone interviews held September 4, 2007, and September 6, 2007, to be made of record in the application for patent.

Please direct any correspondence to the practitioner listed below.

Dated: September 12, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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